

**Town Council Minutes  
Morehead City, North Carolina**

**Tuesday, May 13, 2014**

The Honorable Council of the Town of Morehead City met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., in the Municipal Chambers located at 202 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Morehead City, North Carolina. Those in attendance were:

MAYOR:	Gerald A. Jones, Jr.
MAYOR PRO-TEM:	George W. Ballou
COUNCIL:	William F. Taylor
	Demus L. Thompson
	Harvey N. Walker, Jr.
	Diane C. Warrender
CITY MANAGER:	David S. Whitlow
CITY CLERK:	Jeanne M. Giblin
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:	Nelson W. Taylor, III; Derek Taylor; Mike Thomas
OTHERS:	Police Major Bernette Morris; T.J. Veltman; David Veltman; Jim Bailey; Ronald Cullipher; Jeannie Vaughan; Pam Flynn; Valorie Grady; Shawn Hagan; Aby Morris; James Tressler; Ashley Smith; Blake Morris; Jesse Eborn; Cless Patterson; Jonathan Duby; Alex Gaaney; Sam Ortiz; Timothy Brandon Bell; Cameron Boone; Joseph Eborn; Paul M. Bell; Joey Boone; Rick Schulz; Janet Hill; Lenzie Griffin; Diane Gagmon; Don Gagmon; Beth Taylor; Corinne Geer; John Nelson; Jane Nelson; Glen Mason; Grace Mason; Tom Kies; Robert Murray; Kenneth Royall; Mark Hibbs, Reporter, THE CARTERET NEWS TIMES and several others

Mayor Jones reported that Councilman Ballou was absent this evening because he is at the hospital waiting to become a grandpa. On behalf of the Council and those present, the Mayor wished him and Grandma Melissa the best.

**I. Regular Meeting Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Boy Scout Troup 456 from Broad & Gales Creek Fire Department will lead The Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Councilman Thompson gave the invocation and Boy Scout Troup 456 from Broad & Gales Creek Fire Department led the citizens in The Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Jones recognized the Boy Scouts as the future leaders of tomorrow. Boy Scout Timothy Bell thanked the Council for allowing the Boy Scout Troup to be present and to attend the meeting to secure a merit badge.

**II.A. Resolution of Sympathy 2014-22 in Remembrance of Laura “Tibbie” Eure Roberts who Passed on May 25, 2013**

Mayor Jones stated that the Town of Morehead City wanted to acknowledge the passing of Tibbie Roberts. She was a well-known volunteer in Morehead City and served on several committees. She led a distinguished life and was also known for her love of Morehead City and for her advocacy for women and children. She lived for 99 years. She helped plan the Morehead City Sesquicentennial Celebration and was recognized as the “Sesquicentennial Person of the Year”. He read into the record a letter he wrote in 2007 entitled “Tribute to Tibbie”. Mayor Jones presented the Resolution of Sympathy to her family. [Attached to and made a part of these minutes herein by reference is Resolution of Sympathy 2014-22 and the Mayor’s “Tribute to Tibbie”.]

**II.B. Mayor’s Proclamation – May 2014 is Mental Health Month in the Town of Morehead City**

Mayor Jones stated that CoastalCare is the local government agency that provides access and oversight of services for Mental Health, Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse in the five [5] counties of Brunswick, Carteret, New Hanover, Onslow and Pender. May is Mental Health Month and CoastalCare requested that the proclamation be read at the Council Meeting. Mayor Jones commented that no one stands alone, and that we all need help at times. He also recognized Kate Murphy, Member Communication Specialist of CoastalCare who in turn recognized the many individuals who were in the audience to support Mental Health Month. Mayor Jones presented the proclamation to Kate Murphy, Member

Communication Specialist of CoastalCare. [Attached to and made a part of these minutes herein by reference is the Mayor's Proclamation on behalf of Mental Health Month.]

**II.C. Resolution 2014-24 in Appreciation to Vaughn James "Jim" Shady upon his Retirement from the Public Utilities Department on May 1, 2014**

Mayor Jones stated that Jim Shady began his career as Water/Sewer Service Worker-Trainee on June 18, 1984, and served the citizens of Morehead City in the Public Utilities Department for thirty years retiring as Public Utility Crew Leader. Mayor Jones emphasized "that you don't choose public service, it chooses you." The Town of Morehead City wished him well as he begins the next phase of his life called "retirement." Mayor Jones presented Jim with Resolution of Retirement 2014-24.

Jim recognized his wife Stephanie and thanked her for her support all through the years. He also stated he enjoyed his association with Morehead City.

**II.D. Resolution of Appreciation 2014-25 in Appreciation to Marilynn Joyce Veltman upon her Retirement from the Planning & Inspections Department on February 1, 2014**

Mayor Jones stated that Joyce Veltman began her career Reception/Clerk Typist on June 18, 1984, and served the citizens of Morehead City for thirty years in the Planning & Inspections Department. She was the Zoning Enforcement Officer for Morehead City upon her retirement. The Town of Morehead City grew under her guidance. The Town of Morehead City wished her the best as she begins the next phase of her life called "retirement." Mayor Jones joked that Joyce was a most dedicated employee until becoming a grandma. He continued that she devoted many years of her life to Morehead City and what she gave to the citizens can never be duplicated. Mayor Jones presented Joyce with a Resolution of Retirement.

Joyce introduced her grandson, David, and said it was a pleasure working for the City and that she missed the employees.

**III. Adoption of the CONSENT AGENDA:**

**III.A. Approval of Minutes: Tuesday, April 8, 2014 – Regular Meeting  
Monday, April 14, 2014 – Special Meeting**

*Approved the Minutes of the Tuesday, April 8, 2014, Regular Meeting and the Monday, April 14, 2014, Special Meeting and dispensed with the reading.*

**III.B. Approve the Requests for Release of Overpayment of Ad Valorem Taxes for April 2014, in the amount of \$0; and Accept the Tax Collector and Finance Director Reports for April 2014**

*There were no requests for release of overpayment of ad valorem taxes for April 2014. Accepted the Tax Collector and Finance Director Reports for April 2014. [The financial reports are attached to and made a part of these minutes herein by reference.]*

**III.C. Adopt Resolution of Sympathy 2014-22 in Remembrance of Laura "Tibbie" Eure Roberts**

*Adopted Resolution of Sympathy 2014-22 in Remembrance of Laura "Tibbie" Eure Roberts. [Resolution 2014-22 is attached to and made a part of these minutes herein by reference.]*

**III.D. Adopt Resolution 2014-24 in Appreciation to Vaughn James "Jim" Shady upon his Retirement from the Public Utilities Department on May 1, 2014**

*Adopted Resolution 2014-24 in Appreciation to Vaughn James "Jim" Shady upon his retirement from the Public Utilities Department on May 1, 2014. [Resolution 2014-24 is attached to and made a part of these minutes herein by reference.]*

**III.E. Adopt Resolution 2014-25 in Appreciation to Marilynn Joyce Veltman upon her Retirement from the Planning & Inspections Department on February 1, 2014**

*Adopted Resolution 2014-25 in Appreciation to Marilyn Joyce Veltman upon her Retirement from the Planning & Inspections Department on February 1, 2014. [Resolution 2014-25 is attached to and made a part of these minutes herein by reference.]*

### **III.F. Adopt Resolution 2014-23 to Authorize the Use of Electronic Advertisement for Contracts Subject to G.S. 143-129**

General Statute 143-129 states that construction or repair work requiring the expenditure of public money equal and over \$500,000; or the purchase of apparatus, supplies, materials or equipment requiring the expenditure of public money equal and over \$90,000 must be let for bidding. However, a decision to advertise solely by electronic means, whether for particular contracts or generally for all contracts which are subject to this statute, can be approved by the governing board of the political subdivision of the state at a regular meeting of the board. The adoption of Resolution 2014-23 authorized the City Manager or his/her designee to advertise using electronic means such as the website of the Town of Morehead City. It would be the preference of the City Manager or his designee to determine the most effective and efficient method of obtaining competition for a contract or bid. The Public Works Committee of the Council reviewed the proposed resolution and recommended adoption.

*Adopted Resolution 2014-23 to Authorize the Use of Electronic Advertisement for Contracts Subject to G.S. 143-129. [Resolution 2014-23 is attached to and made a part of these minutes herein by reference.]*

### **III.G. Adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment 2014-21 Newport River Water Access Capital Project Fund**

The purpose of this amendment was to update the budget for the following grant related activity:

- Increase revenue and expenditures to recognize additional grant funding from NC DENR related to construction of restrooms at the Newport River Beach Access in the amount of \$100,250.
- Decrease revenue and expenditures related to other completed project elements in the amount of \$32,570.
- The net increase in the capital project budget is \$67,680.

The Finance/Administration Committee of the Council reviewed the proposed ordinance and recommended adoption.

*Adopted Budget Ordinance Amendment 2014-21 Newport River Water Access Capital Project Fund. [Budget Ordinance Amendment 2014-21 is attached to Ordinance Book #7 in the vault.]*

### **III.H. Adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment 2014-22 School Property Acquisition/Improvements Capital Project Fund**

The purpose of this amendment was to update the budget as follows:

- Recognize \$62,300 of Miscellaneous revenue as follows:
  - \$23,500 for reimbursement for boiler failure
  - \$38,800 of rental income in excess of current budget
- Increase expenditures \$62,300 in the Police Station/E911 Center improvements project element related to potential litigation.

The Finance/Administration Committee of the Council reviewed the proposed ordinance and recommended adoption.

*Adopted Budget Ordinance Amendment 2014-22 School Property Acquisition/Improvements Capital Project Fund. [Budget Ordinance Amendment 2014-22 is attached to Ordinance Book #7 in the vault.]*

***Councilman Thompson MOVED, seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried unanimously [Councilman Ballou absent], to adopt the CONSENT AGENDA in one [1] motion.***

**IV.A. Public Hearings: Request for Renewal of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity [Taxi Franchise]**

- **A-1 Yellow Cab Company, 4104 Azaela Road, Morehead City, Kelly Matthews, Owner – Adopt Ordinance 2014-17**

The application is for a renewal of a taxi service in Morehead City. A-1 Yellow Cab Company has been in business for many years and wishes to renew their franchise agreement. The City Code provides that a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity be granted for two [2] years. A taxi franchise must pass two [2] readings by the Council with the public hearing as the second of those readings.

- **Brown-Wil Enterprise, Inc., d/b/a Atlantic Beach Taxi, 1010 Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, Wesley E. Brown, President, Ben Willis, Vice-President and William H. Willis, Secretary/Treasurer – Adopt Ordinance 2014-18**

The application is for a renewal of a taxi service in Morehead City. Brown-Wil Enterprise, Inc., d/b/a Atlantic Beach Taxi has had a taxi service in Morehead City for the past six [6] years and wishes to renew their franchise agreement. The City Code provides that any approved Certificate of Convenience and Necessity be granted for two [2] years. A taxi franchise must pass two [2] readings by the Council with the public hearing the second of those readings.

- **Carteret Cab Company, 2401 Bridges Street, Morehead City, Lenzie Griffin, Owner – Adopt Ordinance 2014-19**

The application is for a renewal of a taxi service in Morehead City. Carteret Cab Company has been in business since 2006, and wishes to renew their franchise agreement. The City Code provides that any approved Certificate of Convenience and Necessity be granted for two [2] years. A taxi franchise must pass two [2] readings by the Council with the public hearing being the second of those readings.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing.

No one spoke for or against granting the taxi franchises.

Mayor Jones closed the public hearing.

***Councilman Taylor MOVED, seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried unanimously [Councilman Ballou absent], to adopt Ordinance 2014-17 granting the request for a renewal of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity [Taxi Franchise] for A-1 Yellow Cab Company, 4104 Azaela Road, Morehead City, Kelly Matthews, Owner; adopt Ordinance 2014-18 granting the request for a renewal of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity [Taxi Franchise] for Brown-Wil Enterprise, Inc., d/b/a Atlantic Beach Taxi, 1010 Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, Wesley E. Brown, President, Ben Willis, Vice-President and William H. Willis, Secretary/Treasurer; and adopt Ordinance 2014-19 granting the request for a renewal of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity [Taxi Franchise] for Carteret Cab Company, 2401 Bridges Street, Morehead City, Lenzie Griffin, Owner. [Ordinances 204-17, 2014-18 and 2014-19 are attached to Ordinance Book #7 in the vault.]***

Councilwoman Warrender commented she observed that the taxis are once again parking near the Woo Woo Statue on Evans Street which is not allowed. She asked that the franchise owners remind their employees that taxis are supposed to stop more west of the statue at the taxi stand area.

**IV.B. Public Hearing: Request from Stroud Engineering, on behalf of Crystal Holdings LLC, for Revised Sketch Development Plan Approval for Oceanside Yacht Club located at Olde Towne Yacht Club Drive and Marine Drive, Beaufort and known as Tax PIN #639500696558000, and a request for Revised Site Development Master Plan Approval for Olde Towne Yacht Club, located at Olde Towne Yacht Club Drive, Beaufort, and known as Tax PIN #639500791494000 – Adopt Ordinance 2014-15**

Planning Director Linda Staab reported that Stroud Engineering, on behalf of Crystal Holdings, LLC, has submitted a request for Revised Sketch Development Plan Approval for

seventy-two (72) townhouse units, an associated clubhouse, and a 103-slip marina on 12.814 acres located at Marine Drive and Olde Towne Yacht Club Drive. A manmade marina basin totaling 2.97 acres is to be established in the center of the development. A total of 73 storage units for the boat slips are also included on the site. The property is located in the City's corporate limits and is currently undeveloped.

The following are changes which are now being requested by the developer:

- Increased number of townhouse units from 67 to 72 units;
- Reduced number of wet slips by 27 slips (130 to 103);
- Reduced size of marina basin by 0.37 acre;
- Increased area of clubhouse by 1,445 square feet;
- Decreased number of parking spaces provided by 4 spaces (exceeds requirement by 62 spaces);
- Removal of 11,000 square foot boat storage area at NW corner of property;
- Increased number of storage units from 32 to 73 units;
- 4 connections into Oceanside from Olde Towne Yacht Club Drive;
- 3 connections into new the Olde Towne Yacht Club parking area.

The site is adjacent to Neighborhood 1 of Morehead City's Land Use Plan and the Port Mixed Use future land use classification. The plan as proposed does not appear to conflict with any policy statements of the Land Use Plan. The property was posted and property owners within 300' of the site were mailed a copy of the public hearing notice that included the dates of the Planning Board meeting and Council's public hearing [May 13, 2014]. The final plans will come back before the Council with all permits in hand.

At the Planning Board Meeting on April 15, 2014, Gordon Thayer MOVED, seconded by Jackie Maucher, and carried unanimously, to recommend approval of the request. The Planning Committee of the Council reviewed the revised development sketch plan.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing.

Ron Cullipher, the subject engineer from Stroud Engineering representing the owners, introduced the revised project. He stated that the owners were seeking approval to continue with the project and move forward with the necessary permits.

Councilman Taylor questioned the comment letter dated May 13, 2014, received this evening from Mr. Kenneth Royal and will the matters relating to stormwater approvals addressed in the letter be corrected. [Attached to and made a part of these minutes herein by reference is the letter dated May 13, 2014, from Kenneth Royal.]

Mr. Cullipher replied that the issue with Olde Towne Yacht Club is different than the issue before the Council at this time. The parking issue is a part of Olde Towne Yacht Club and will be resolved.

Councilman Thompson questioned if the work will be done on the project prior to coming back before the Council for further approvals.

Mr. Cullipher replied that if that work gets done Oceanside Yacht Club will be able to be certified.

Kenneth Royal III, of 703 Old Towne Yacht Club condominiums apologized for not attending the Planning Board meeting due to illness. He explained that the issue at hand is whether the development of the 12 acres should be approved as presented and that before being approved, several critical issues should be resolved. He spoke about the storm water permits for Olde Towne Yacht Club. He wanted the Council to be aware that although the storm water permits were approved and issued, neither of the plans were certified over a roughly 11 year period and he was concerned that both developments are very close to sensitive waters. He explained that the requirements for Olde Towne Yacht Club in actuality have not met what is portrayed on paper and he felt that a Certificate of Occupancy should not have been issued. He continued that he is not against the proposed development, he just felt that Olde Towne Yacht Club needed the stormwater permits certified.

Councilman Walker questioned who would issue the certification.

Mr. Royal was not sure of this answer.

Councilman Walker then questioned Ron Cullipher

Mr. Cullipher replied that an engineer of record specifically certifies the stormwater permit. However the initial engineer for Olde Towne Yacht Club is no longer in practice. He continued that the system of Old Towne Yacht Club has been inspected and the deficiencies will be corrected. He explained there are three [3] drop inlets where water goes to the bulkhead and that the swales were not defined on the ground. Basically, a swale needs to be developed to channel the water. This issue was with either the previous developers and the association [real estate] management or the Olde Towne Homeowners Association. The estimate as to the cost is approximately \$5,000. The problems belong to Old Towne Yacht Club I and II, but these problems have no adverse effect for this current project [Oceanside Yacht Club] to get certification.

Councilman Thompson questioned who has the responsibility of issuing a Certificate of Occupancy.

Planning Director Staab commented that City staff typically receives a copy of the stormwater permit and that is all the Morehead City ordinance requires to issue a Certificate of Occupancy. She stated she had not heard from the state if there was a problem or violation on this property which typically occurs if there are such a problems.

City Attorney Nelson Taylor advised that if the Council had concerns, it can delay action on this item.

Mr. Royal stated he did not know all the details discussed at the previous meetings and was not aware of the noncompliance issues. He learned about them when going through the files in Wilmington. He continued that he is just raising questions to which he did not have answers. He stated that Doug Brady and his corporation owns the stormwater system and that he did not want the present homeowners have to pay big money for a project which should have been dealt with prior to this time. The Olde Towne Yacht Club Homeowners Association does not own the stormwater system. The present owners are responsible for the compliance of the stormwater system.

Jim Bailey, one of the current developers, explained that he is associated with the people who developed Olde Towne Yacht Club and that part of the stormwater system is located on the easement between the two developments. It was anticipated that the developers were to develop Oceanside Yacht Club very shortly after completing Olde Towne Yacht Club but this never happened with the emergence of the poor economy. He said that the present developers have intentions of implementing a new stormwater system which was to take care of the Olde Towne Yacht Club stormwater issues. That is presently how this issue stands. He further stated that the developers will get it all straightened out for the 12 acres that includes the parking easement which is for the use of Olde Towne Yacht Club. He also stated that the developer wanted to get the plans certified and transferred into the name of Old Towne Yacht Club. He had been trying to get to the finish line on the next phase of the whole project and was committed to getting it done. He continued that he did not see a problem and has been in contact with Olde Towne Yacht Club. Both projects will be tied together and that basically Jim Bailey's & Doug Brady's organization will take care of the project and that once completed the project will go back properly to the Old Towne Yacht Club.

Mayor Jones closed the public hearing.

Mayor Jones explained that the Council was not approving anything but the sketch plan now. The developers will be coming back before the Council for final approval.

***Councilman Thompson MOVED, seconded by Councilwoman Warrender, and carried unanimously [Councilman Ballou absent], to adopt Ordinance 2014-15 granting the Request from Stroud Engineering, on behalf of Crystal Holdings LLC, for Revised Sketch Development Plan Approval for Oceanside Yacht Club located at Olde Towne Yacht Club Drive and Marine Drive, Beaufort, and known as Tax PIN #639500696558000, and a request for Revised Site Development Master Plan Approval for Olde Towne Yacht Club, located at Olde Towne Yacht Club Drive, Beaufort, and known as Tax PIN***

**#639500791494000, contingent upon receipt of an executed copy of the easement agreement between Crystal Holdings, LLC, and Olde Towne Condominium Homeowners' Association.** [Ordinance 2014-15 is attached to Ordinance Book #7 in the vault.]

**IV.C. Public Hearing: City-initiated request to amend Article 16-2.2 of the Unified Development Ordinance to provide clarification that all lots must abut a public street except Planned Development (PD) lots which may abut a private street – Adopt Resolution 2014-21 and Ordinance 2014-16**

Planning Director Linda Staab explained that this is a City-initiated request to recommend a text amendment reading as follows:

16-2.2 All ~~subdivision~~ lots shall abut a public street except that lots within a Planned Development (PD) district may abut a private street. All streets other than streets within the Planned Development (PD) district will be offered for dedication to the public. All streets shall be built to the standards of the Town of Morehead City or the North Carolina Department of Transportation, whichever is more strict. Street maintenance shall be the responsibility of the homeowner's association prior to the acceptance of dedication by the town or the state.

At the Planning Board Meeting on April 15, 2014, John Creech MOVED, seconded by Ronetta Gaskill, and carried unanimously, to recommend approval of the request and Planning Board Resolution 2014-0005. The Planning Committee of the Council reviewed the request at their last meeting.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing.

Corinne Geer of 3207 Evans Street, Morehead City, commented that she had served on the Morehead City Planning Board for several terms. She emphasized the difference between subdivisions and planned developments and stated that Morehead City has many pieces of property which are accessed through alleyways. She explained that anytime you can avoid a neighborhood concern, it is a good idea and that previously plotted lots cannot be subdivided.

Mayor Jones closed the public hearing.

**Councilman Thompson MOVED, seconded by Councilwoman Warrender, and carried unanimously [Councilman Ballou absent], to adopt Resolution 2014-21 and Ordinance 2014-16 granting the City-initiated request to amend Article 16-2.2 of the Unified Development Ordinance to provide clarification that all lots must abut a public street except Planned Development (PD) lots which may abut a private street.** [Resolution 2014-21 is attached to and made a part of these minutes herein incorporated by reference. Ordinance 2014-16 is attached to Ordinance Book #7 in the vault.]

**V. Citizen Requests/Comments [Two [2] minute time limit.]**

Boy Scout Blake Morris of 308 Murdoch Road, Newport questioned the difference between private and public streets.

Planning Director Staab explained that private streets are like those found in places like Brandywine Bay, public streets are like Highway #70. She spoke about private streets sometimes being maintained by the homeowner's association while public streets are usually maintained by the state or municipality. She also explained that different things that can be done on private streets versus public streets.

Boy Scout Timothy Bell of 356 Rollingwood Drive, Newport, wanted to recognize the courage of the Morehead City Police Department who responded to a recent bomb threat at the Broad Creek Middle School.

Boy Scout Cless Patterson of 214 James Grady Road, Newport, questioned what was done to mitigate the disturbance of animal habitats during construction?

Mayor Jones replied that with regard to construction, the state and city has various agencies such as CAMA, the Army Corps of Engineers and other organizations which help protect the environment. If land is going to be disturbed the developer needs various permits.

**VI.A. City Manager’s Report: Presentation of the Annual Audit Letter from McGladrey [SAS 114 (Statement on Auditing Standards) Letter]**

City Manager Whitlow explained that this is required communication between the auditors and the client [Town of Morehead City] which identify the auditor’s and the City’s responsibilities related to significant matters and the audit process. These include communication, independence, the audit planning process, material covered, internal controls and timing for the audit of the City’s records for the FYE 6/30/2014.

**No action was necessary.**

**VI.B. Dates for Council Work Session; Budget Hearing and Budget Adoption**

City Manager David Whitlow proposed the following dates for work sessions; FY2014/2015 Budget Public Hearing and FY2014/2015 Budget Adoption:

Space needs analysis	5/19	5:30 PM
Budget Presentation	5/20	3:30 PM
Budget Work Session	5/27	5:30 PM
Topics:	Capital Improvements	
	Compensation Implementation	
	Staffing priorities	
Budget Work Session	6/3	5:30 PM
Topics:	Other budget matters	
Budget Hearing	6/10	5:30 PM
In conjunction with regular Council meeting		
Budget Adoption	6/24	5:30 PM

The Council requested to change the date of Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to Monday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m. because of the interference with Town Hall Day.

***The Council set the dates for work sessions, FY2014/2015 Budget Public Hearing and FY2014/2015 Budget Adoption with the only change of Tuesday, June 3, 2014, to Monday, June 2, 2014, to avoid a conflict with Town Hall Day.***

**VII. Council Requests/Comments**

Councilman Thompson questioned devoting an entire work session to space needs analysis.

City Manager Whitlow replied that even at this early stage some items could be placed in the budget if City staff knew the Council’s recommendations and direction.

Mayor Jones recognized that the Morehead City Woman’s Club held its last meeting last week. He also acknowledged that Councilman Harvey Walker’s mother passed away a week ago and that she was a well-loved lady in the community who served on the Morehead City Planning Board. He further commented that she raised a fine son who is now carrying on her dedication to Morehead City.

Councilman Thompson commented he served on the Planning Board with Mrs. Walker and that she was a fine lady.

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION as per G.S. 143.318.11[a][3] to Approve the CLOSED SESSION MINUTES of Tuesday, April 8, 2014; to Receive an Update on the Martin vs. Town of Morehead City and other Potential Litigation from the City Attorney**

***Councilman Walker MOVED, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and carried unanimously [Councilman Ballou absent] to enter into CLOSED SESSION.***

***Councilman Walker MOVED, seconded by Councilman Taylor, and carried unanimously [Councilman Ballou absent] to return to OPEN SESSION.***



***Councilman Walker MOVED, seconded by Councilwoman Warrender, and carried unanimously [Councilman Ballou absent], to approve and seal the CLOSED SESSION MINUTES of Tuesday, April 8, 2014.***

**IX. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Gerald A. Jones, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

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Jeanne M. Giblin, City Clerk